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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 7, 2009, please consider the following:

**Amendment to the Claims** is provided and begins at page 2 of this paper.  
Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.